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Data reveals water bodies in city becoming increasingly toxic, experts say major cause is untreated sewage

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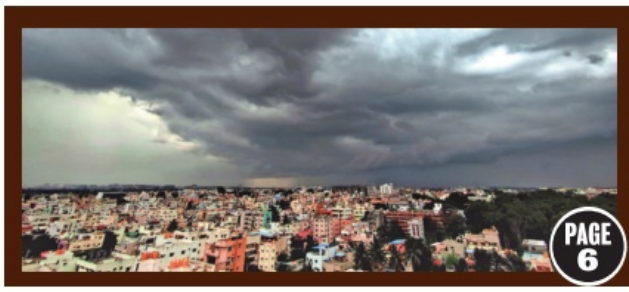

RAIN WRAP?

Weatherman says heavy rain may be coming to an end, though some scattered showers are likely

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New tussle between builder, financial institution has put bigger question-mark on fate of residential quarters being built for people from economically weaker sections

12 YEARS & WAITING FOR HOME TO CALL THEIR OWN

Applicants have knocked High Court door for justice

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It doesn't seem there is any hope on the horizon for residential quarters for people from economically weaker sections (EWS). As per the plan, the builder has to construct 1,512 residential quarters in 26 blocks with nine-storeyed structures with lift facilities in an area of 7.2 acres. However, 12 years since construction began, work is far from over.

Left with no other option, the applicants have filed a petition in the High Court seeking justice. Now, the tussle between Sammaan Capital Ltd (formerly known as India Bulls Housing Finance Ltd) and BG Uday alias Uday Bindiganavale Garudachar of Garuda Maverick Infrastructure Projects Pvt Ltd and others has caused confusion

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"The construction has been delayed on one or the other pretext. We have been demanding the authorities concerned expedite the construction of the residential quarters but in vain

— Prabhakar Rajendran, social activist

Outage pulls plug on emergency helpline

Rain crashes animal rescue helpline 1912, leaving pet owners, farmers in distress for entire day

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On Friday, Rashmi D'Souza, former Karnataka Animal Welfare Board member, dialled 1962, an emergency helpline for animal rescue services. The line remained unresponsive. When she reached out to officials, she was informed that the BSNL line supporting the line was down.

The outage had left scores of pet owners and farmers without crucial support for a whole day, most of whom were anyway left at lurch when the helpline, meant to operate 24/7, was reduced to a 9-to-5 service earlier this year.

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Cultural extravaganza

Kuchipudi Parampara Foundation, Bengaluru, presents its 11th edition 'Natya Parampara Utsav 2024.' The event will honour the works of senior Kuchipudi Guru Vedantam Vidhumouli Nellore and Bharatanatyam Exponent Tumkur Bala Vishwanath. Moreover, there will be solo performances by Janani Rao Hyderabad, Dilip Selar Chennai, Karthika Mohan Bengaluru, and Ottanthulal Live—a recitation and dance artform of Kerala by Kalamandalam Roshin Chandran.
Where: The Medai, Koramangala
When: October 26, 6 pm onwards

02 Slice of life

Watch "Valivadhe," a notable Kannada drama that explores themes of familial relationships, societal expectations, and personal struggles. The narrative often delves into the conflicts and emotional challenges faced by the characters, reflecting on issues like love, sacrifice, and the complexities of human relationships. The drama's performances are typically characterised by strong dialogues and poignant moments, making it resonate well with audiences. **Where: Kalagrama, Mallathahalli; When: October 26, 3:30 pm, 7:30 pm**

03 Craft your stories

Dive into the world of narrative nonfiction with "Fact Meets Feeling: Crafting Real-Life Stories," a two-hour writing workshop for beginners by Sriram Devatha. Join in and explore how to transform true events and real experiences into compelling stories, focusing on structure, voice, research, and crafting scenes. By the end of the session, you'll have tools to elevate factual writing into a dynamic, engaging narrative. **Where: Atta Galatta, Indiranagar; When: October 26, 3:30 pm**

Teachers' demand 'simplified' SSLC boards question papers

23 key recommendations submitted to examination board; these include combining internal, external exam marks to calculate passing grade, adding fill in blanks, more

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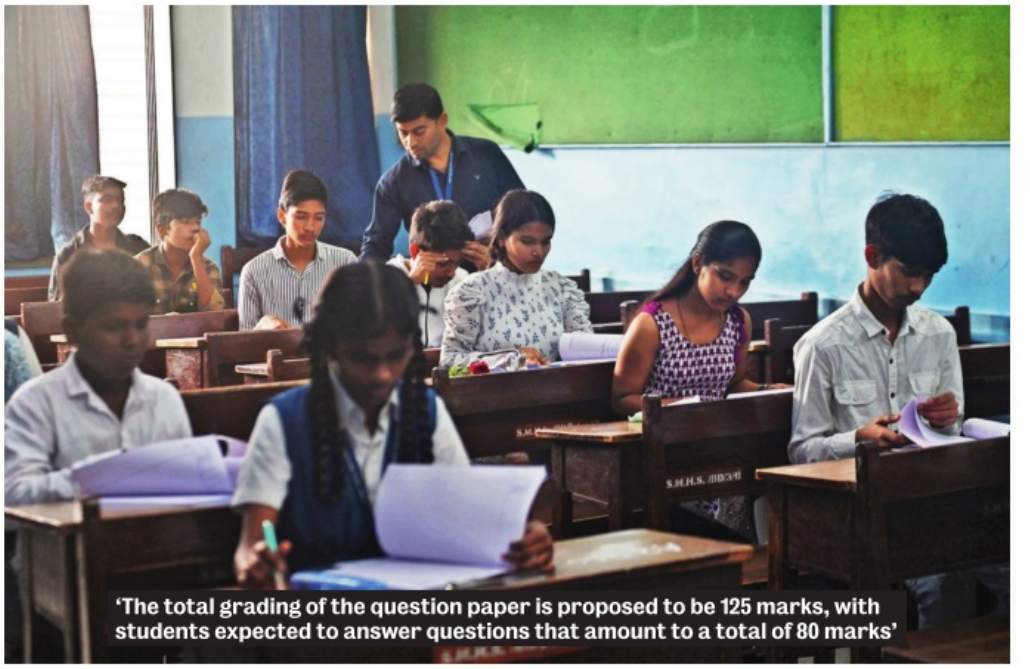

'The total grading of the question paper is proposed to be 125 marks, with students expected to answer questions that amount to a total of 80 marks'

The teachers' forum has recommended to the education board that students who perform below average in their studies should be able to pass the SSLC annual examination by formulating 'student-friendly' question papers. The design of the SSLC question paper is considered more challenging compared to that of the second PU question paper. Therefore, the Social Science Teachers' Forum has appealed to the Karnataka School Education and Assessment Board (KSEAB) to 'simplify' the SSLC annual exam question paper to suit the age of the students, similar to what is done for the PU exams. The forum has insisted on creating a new design for the question paper from the current academic year.

Concerns over question design

The design of the annual question paper for PU students, who possess greater intellectual capabilities and are older in age compared to Grade 10 students, is considerably more varied. The forum believes that the design should facilitate passing for all students. The SSLC question paper lacks diversity and uniformity. For instance, the PU history exam has nine types of main questions, while the SSLC social science exam has only five types. Additionally, in the PU exams, there are question formats such as 'Fill in the blanks', 'Match the following', and 'Write in chronological order', whereas the SSLC paper predominantly features uniform questions that seek two, three, or four marks, along with descriptive answers.

23 key suggestions submitted to KSEAB

Chidanand Patil, the state coordinator of the Social Science Teachers' Forum said that steps to improve SSLC annual examination results were discussed in a recent meeting with subject teachers. An overall review of the PU and SSLC question papers revealed significant differences in question design. To rectify this, a systematic blueprint for the examination paper must be developed, ensuring that internal marks are considered as passing marks. In this context, 23 key recommendations have been submitted to the Karnataka School Education and Assessment Board.

To enhance the effectiveness of question paper design, several recommendations have been put forth. First, it is suggested to provide options for question selection without incorporating 'or' questions, thereby allowing students greater flexibility in their responses. Additionally, the inclusion of 'fill in the blanks' format is advised, with clear instructions for students to write their answers in the specified areas.

"Moreover, it is important to prioritise events in a chronological manner when designing questions. The structure of the paper could include five one-mark questions, with students given the option to answer any eight out of a selection of fifteen two-mark questions. Furthermore, students would be required to respond to four questions from a set of seven three-mark questions," said Patil.

> **"An overall review of PU, SSLC question papers revealed major differences in question design**
> – Chidanand Patil, state coordinator, Social Science Teachers' Forum

The total grading of the question paper is proposed to be 125 marks, with students expected to answer questions that amount to a total of 80 marks. Finally, the recommendations also emphasised the need to combine internal marks with external examination marks for calculating passing grades. For instance, if the internal marks are 10 and the external exam marks are 25, the total would be 35, establishing 35 as the passing grade.

Alive to bring Sunidhi to Bengaluru

Alive India's 10th season anniversary will feature a concert by Sunidhi Chauhan in Bengaluru, titled "I Am Home." The event, set for Saturday at Bhartiya Mall, will raise awareness for various social causes, including: Rotary's Thalassemia-Free India Initiative (funds raised will support this health cause); the Alive Emerge Scholarship Program, which will be offering free residential scholarships, music training, and career paths for underprivileged musicians; and Sustainable Green World Collaboration, partnering with Seven Trees for Life to plant 501 trees in Bengaluru. Through partnerships with government bodies and corporate brands, Alive India aims to expand its reach and support for musicians worldwide.

Founded in 2012 by Supratiek Ghosh, Alive India has become a platform in India's music scene, empowering musicians and creating social impact. Over the past years, it has grown into India's first artist-founded music and media conglomerate, providing career opportunities and uniting musicians.

Supratiek, grandson of singer Geeta Dutt and son of filmmaker Shyamal Ghosh, transitioned from a career in advertising to establish Alive India. His vision is to empower musicians and use music for social change. Central to Alive India's mission is the Musicians' Social Responsibility (MSR) Campaign, including the "Sing to Save" program, which offers shelter, food, and music training to economically challenged and disabled musicians.

Through this program, Alive India continues to support emerging talent and promote causes like Thalassemia-Free India and environmental sustainability.

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Toxicity in B'luru lakes due to sewage surge

Water pollution has worsened, with increasing number of highly polluted water bodies over past five years; experts point to untreated sewage as main cause

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In September 2022, 15 out of 106 water bodies were severely polluted, while by September 2024, KSPCB categorised 36 of 113 lakes as Class E

As Bengaluru expands, its water bodies are becoming increasingly toxic. Recent water quality data from the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) reveals that the number of lakes classified under the worst water quality category (Class E) has steadily increased over the past five years, doubling even during the monsoon season.

In September 2020, only 13% of lakes monitored by the KSPCB in Bengaluru were classified as Class E, the poorest water quality category. However, by September this year, that number had risen to 31%.

KSPCB analysed the water quality of 106 lakes in September 2020, and 14 were categorised under Class E. In 2021, 26 out of 106 lakes had the worst water quality. Just 15 out of 106 water bodies were found to be severely polluted in September 2022. However, in September 2024, KSPCB categorised 36 out of 113 lakes monitored under Class E.

Experts say water qualities of lakes are expected to improve during monsoon months as the untreated sewage and industrial waste entering lakes get diluted. However, the increasing number of critically polluted lakes points to feeder channels carrying sewage and other forms of polluted water. The idea behind the exercise is to measure water quality, trace the pollution source, and fix the issue.

"Entry of untreated sewage and industrial discharge are the main sources of pollution in Bengaluru's lakes. KSPCB should track this source of pollution in feeder channels and eliminate them. Unless pollution sources are identified and eliminated, the number of critically polluted lakes will only surge in the coming months. KSPCB should look at eliminating polluting sources, otherwise, money spent on lake rejuvenation and related activity by BBMP (Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike) is going down the drain," said V Ramprasad, Founder of Friends of Lakes.

A document on indicative guidelines for the restoration of water bodies was issued by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) in 2019. The document underlines that the water quality in all lakes must comply with the National Restoration Goals. It further states that the state pollution control boards must assess the lakes concerning this standard, and make action plans to meet the standards.

> **"KSPCB has never formulated any plan to restore lakes. This will only lead to more lakes entering critically polluted category** – Expert

As per the document, the conservation and restoration of lakes require a systematic and comprehensive plan to study the freshwater ecosystems. These water bodies should serve as a good resource for future use and formulation of strategies for long-term management especially in the urban areas.

"KSPCB is focused only on identification. In some cases, the Board has served notices to agencies such as BBMP and BWSSB (Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board) for pollutants entering lakes, but no further action has ever been taken. KSPCB has never formulated any plan to restore Bengaluru's lakes. Such negligence will only lead to more water bodies entering the critically polluted category," said a city-based lake expert.

Potholes and muddy quagmires plague vital commuter route

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Waterlogged road with potholes after heavy rains

The road linking Chikkanayakanahalli Dinne and Gattahalli, which connects Sarjapur Road and Electronic City, has been in poor condition for years.

Despite being an essential route for hundreds of commuters and school buses daily, authorities have ignored its deteriorating condition. After only a few days of rain, the road has turned into a muddy quagmire, making it nearly impossible for vehicles, including lorries and buses, to navigate. Motorcyclists, upon encountering the road's state, are compelled to turn back and abandon their journey.

"It's beyond pathetic. I haven't seen a road this bad in my whole life. It's like we're driving on an off-roading track every single day," said a regular commuter. The road is not just a crucial link between two of Bengaluru's major areas, but it is also used by at least 100 school buses every day. Parents are concerned about the safety of their children, as they have no option but to traverse this hazardous stretch daily.

One resident added, "We have brought this issue to the authorities multiple times, but nothing has changed. The recent rains have made things worse, yet no action is being taken."

The road is filled with potholes, and waterlogging has made it nearly impossible for commuters to drive safely. Citizens feel helpless as the authorities continue to ignore their pleas. "All we see springing up are new luxury buildings, but the basic infrastructure remains abysmal," another resident added. Although this road is crucial for connecting Sarjapur Road and Electronic City, it has been neglected for far too long. Daily risks to lives persist, yet there has been no action taken. Residents and commuters are now demanding immediate repairs to prevent the situation from worsening.

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Illegal blockade
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Illegal parking has become a major problem outside a college in Kengeri Satellite Town.

Road chaos
Mathikere

KEB cable work on HMT Main Road, Mathikere, is causing traffic jams and blocking footpaths for pedestrians.

Drain danger
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Bidding adieu to October rainfall?

This month has been difficult for Bengaluru due to flooding in many areas; however, experts say heavy rain season may be ending, though some rain is still expected in coming months

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After dry September, Bengaluru faces rainfall deficit. However, October brings above-normal rainfall of 240mm to 400mm, 30% to 60% above average of 180mm

October has been tough for Bengaluru, with flooding impacting many layouts and homes submerged. Relief may be in sight as weather experts indicate Bengaluru is nearing the end of this year's heavy rainfall season, though some rain is still expected in the final two months.

An update from Namma Karnataka Weather on the X platform indicates that the thunderstorm season might soon wrap up in the City. The update mentioned that Bengaluru initially faced a major rainfall deficit after a dry September. However, October saw above-normal rainfall, totalling between 240mm and 400mm—30% to 60% more than the city's monthly average of around 180mm. Overall, Bengaluru's annual rainfall currently ranges from 840mm to 1200mm, with the IMD (India Meteorological Department) City station recording around 102 cm, just below the annual average of 106 cm. The post noted that although the Arabian Sea still shows an upper air cyclonic circulation, there's no corresponding system in the Bay of Bengal to sustain inland rain over Bengaluru. Some models suggest light rain on the 29 and 30, but forecasts remain uncertain. Normal rainfall for November in Bengaluru is about 5-6 cm, with rain potential influenced by the North East Monsoon (NEM) and La Nina, which could bring above-average moisture levels.

In the meantime, Dr N Puviarasan, a scientist at IMD Bengaluru, reported that the severe cyclonic storm "Dana" has moved north-northwestward at a speed of 10 km/h, weakening into a cyclonic storm over north coastal Odisha. As of today, 8:30 IST, the storm was centred near latitude 21.20°N and longitude 86.70°E, approximately 30 km northeast of Bhadrak and 50 km north-northwest of Dhamara, with sustained wind speeds around 80-90 km/h, gusting up to 100 km/h. The landfall process has concluded, and the storm is likely to move northwestward, gradually weakening into a deep depression within the next six hours.

In addition, an upper air cyclonic circulation over the Southeast Arabian Sea and adjoining Lakshadweep area now lies over the Southeast and adjoining Southwest Arabian Sea, extending up to 3.1 km above mean sea level. A separate cyclonic circulation is positioned over the Southeast Arabian Sea off the Kerala coast, reaching up to 1.5 km above mean sea level. As a result, mostly dry weather is expected over Karnataka for the next two days, although light rain may occur in isolated areas across Kodagu, Hassan, Mysuru, Mandya, and Chamarajanagar districts. Bengaluru is forecasted to have partly cloudy skies, with dry conditions prevailing. The maximum and minimum temperatures are expected to be around 30°C and 21°C, respectively.

HC orders BBMP to act

The Karnataka High Court granted the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) a month to submit an affidavit detailing the measures it has implemented as part of its yearly plan to tackle potholes and waterlogging on Bengaluru's main roads. The BBMP's counsel informed the Court that all of its "engineers were busy clearing the water" following the city's recent heavy rains, prompting a bench led by Chief Justice NV Anjaria and Justice KV Aravind to grant the municipal body time to file the affidavit.

The Court has been issuing orders on a public interest litigation petition (PIL) filed in 2015 seeking action by the BBMP to ensure that motorists and pedestrians in the city do not face grievances related to poor roads, potholes, and waterlogging year after year. Despite the BBMP's request for a week to file the affidavit in compliance with a previous direction issued by the Court on September 21, the bench led by Chief Justice Anjaria ordered the civic body to file the affidavit by November 22, the next hearing date. BBMP assured that it would file the affidavit by the next hearing date. **–BMB**

1 more body discovered

The death toll from the collapse of a six-storey building in Anjanadri Layout, Babusapalya, near Hennur has risen to nine, following the recovery of another missing body, identified as Elumalai, by the rescue team on Friday. The rescue operation is still ongoing.

A six-storey under-construction building collapsed on October 22 at 1 pm, with police officials reporting that 24 construction workers were trapped. So far, the rescue team has saved 14 workers, three of whom are in ICU, while nine bodies have been recovered.

'Illegal' construction triggers flooding in HBR Layout

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Residents of The Retreat and Annapoorneshwari Layout near HBR Layout have been facing significant issues with waterlogging whenever it rains heavily. They had no problems in previous years, but issues have arisen in recent months. They allege that the illegal construction of the stormwater drain and indiscriminate levelling of the land in the layouts are the main causes of the waterlogging.

Residents noted that the land grabbers have created a severe flooding situation here by arbitrarily raising the land level without any drainage provision. "They have built a wall that has closed the drainage channel allocated in our original layout. Private developers cannot be allowed to raise land levels without drainage and consideration of the surrounding areas. If the BBMP has given them the go-ahead we would like to know on what basis was permission granted and what arrangements for stormwater drainage they have made," asks Penni MD, a resident of The Retreat.

Penni added that because of these illegal, unauthorised developments and landfills, the layout behind The Retreat is also having severe drainage-related issues.

"Currently we are cut off from the main road, completely surrounded by two or three feet of water which also entered into our compound. The water is not receding because the whole area is now waterlogged and more rain is expected. The compound wall of one of our neighbours appears to be leaning under the weight of the mud dumped against it," she said.

She said that this will be shaping up to be a bigger disaster in future because there is no outlet for the stormwater drain. "If they construct buildings in this configuration, it is going to be infinitely worse," she said.

Waterlogged Retreat Layout

Prakash Amitabh, who owns a site at The Retreat, said that he could not visit his site due to water logging. "Water logging is happening due to increasing the height of the land level at the layout," he said.

Expressing concern over the water logging, Sabina Rajesh, a resident of Annapoorneshwari Layout, said water logging has become a nuisance for the residents on 13th Cross. "Dirty water entered into sumps due to water logging. Some residents still do not have access to drinking water because their sumps are filled with dirty water. I bought the site with this layout in 2005. There was no water logging in those days. Now, it happens whenever it rains heavily. I urge the BBMP (Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike) authorities to clear encroachments of the stormwater drain," says Sabina Rajesh.

James George, a recent homebuyer, stated that he is experiencing numerous issues due to waterlogging.

BBMP engineer Ramesh stated that the area falls outside his jurisdiction, despite residents asserting that they have been in contact with him regarding the waterlogging issue.

CRIME FILES

Drug bust: Cops nab African national, seize ₹1.5 crore worth MDMA crystals

Bengaluru City Police has adopted a zero-tolerance policy towards drug peddling and transportation. The Central Crime Branch (CCB) police have been conducting continuous raids across various locations in the city, seizing different types of drugs likely intended for peddling, said Bengaluru Police Commissioner B Dayananda.

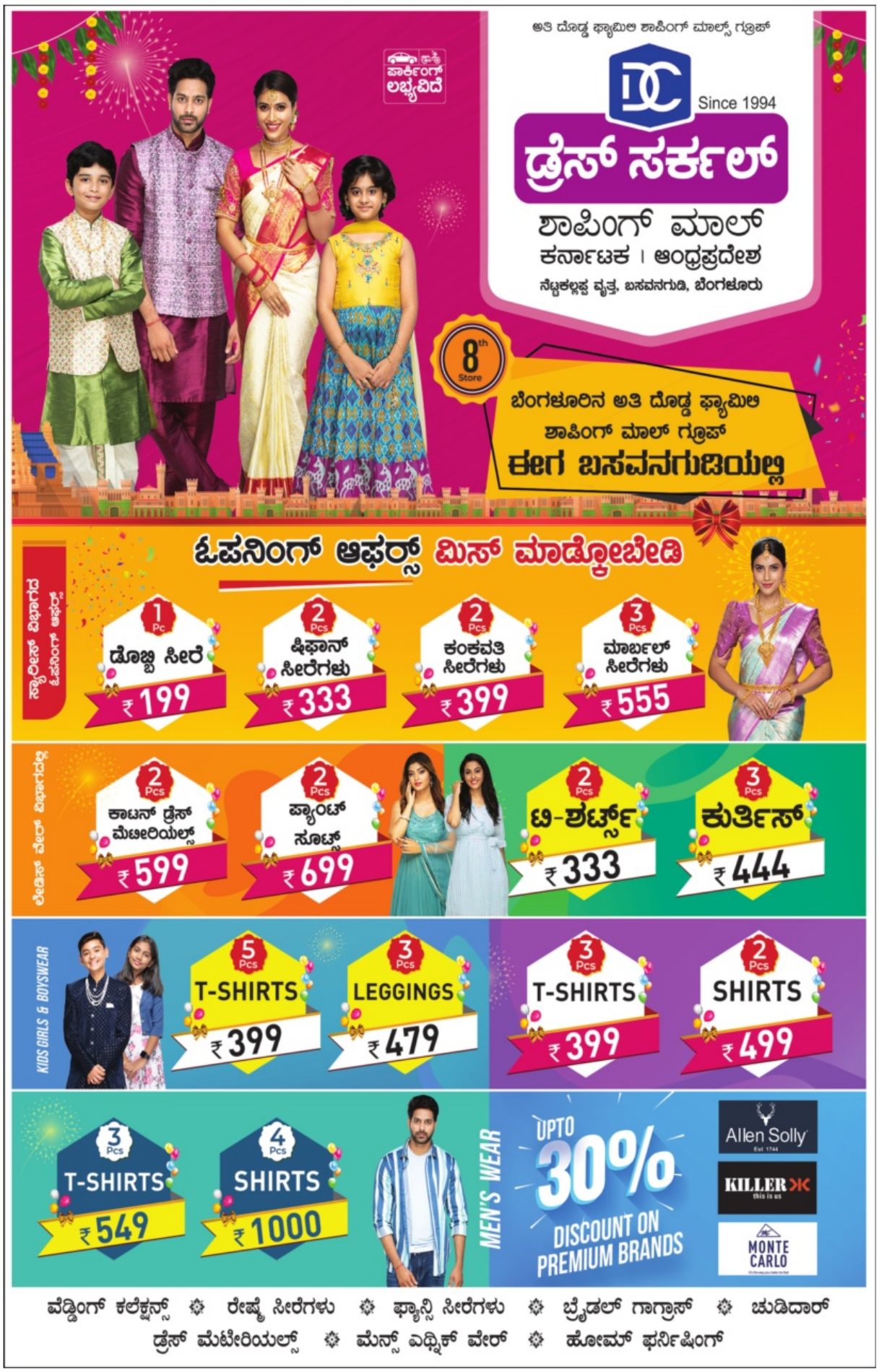
A foreign national from Africa was arrested on Wednesday for illegally selling illegal drugs near New Mico Road, Lakkasandra, under the jurisdiction of Adugodi Police Station. Acting on a tip-off, the CCB's Anti-Narcotics Wing seized one kg-three grams of MDMA crystals, valued at Rs 1.5 crore. Along with the drugs, the police also confiscated a portable weighing machine, a mobile phone, and the two-wheeler used for transporting the narcotics.

It was revealed that the suspect was using the vehicle to deliver the drugs to customers across the city, generating significant illegal earnings through the sale. The accused was presented in Court on Thursday and was remanded to judicial custody. — BMB

Viral attack: Woman assaults traffic cop

A 37-year-old woman named Sonam attacked and verbally abused a traffic police officer who was on duty near ESI hospital on Thursday morning at around 10 am in Indiranagar Police station limits.

According to the police, Sonam verbally abused the traffic police, and in the video that went viral on social media, she is seen dragging the traffic police officer's body camera. However, the reason for her actions is still unknown. The police filed a complaint in the Indiranagar Police station and arrested her and produced her in court. Currently, she is out on bail. — BMB



Why Bengalureans should invest in Mysuru Road

Mysuru Road, one of Bengaluru's key arterial roads, is fast becoming a hotbed for real estate development. Once primarily a highway linking Bengaluru to the historical city of Mysuru, it is now a thriving hub for residential, commercial, and industrial growth. Here's why Bengalureans should seriously consider investing in this fast-developing area.

One of the biggest advantages of Mysuru Road is its strategic location. The road connects Bengaluru's western outskirts with the cultural city of Mysuru, making it a critical thoroughfare for travel and commerce. For Bengalureans looking to invest in property, the excellent connectivity that Mysuru Road offers is a key draw. The region is connected to central Bengaluru via the NICE Ring Road, and it is also linked to major parts of the city, such as Rajajinagar, Vijayanagar, and Banashankari.

Anand Gowda, a property developer said, "The ongoing Namma Metro expansion has significantly boosted the appeal

of Mysuru Road. The Purple Line now extends up to Kengeri, making commuting to the city center and IT hubs like Whitefield more convenient. Moreover, the Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway has reduced travel time between the two cities, making the area even more accessible. Compared to other established areas in Bengaluru, property prices along Mysuru Road remain relatively affordable, providing a great opportunity for investors to enter the market at an early stage. As central Bengaluru becomes increasingly congested and expensive, areas along Mysuru Road offer more affordable housing options without compromising on amenities." Many developers have launched residential projects in the region, ranging from budget-friendly apartments to luxury villas, catering to various segments of homebuyers.

With the surge in infrastructure development, improved connectivity, and the government's push for industrial and commercial expansion, Mysuru Road is expected to see a steady increase in property values.

"Mysuru Road is not only a residential haven but also an emerging commercial and industrial hub. The presence of commercial developments like shopping malls, office spaces, and retail outlets is also on the rise, making the region self-sufficient and adding to its livability. As businesses continue to establish themselves in and around Mysuru Road, the demand for both residential and commercial properties is expected to surge," said a property developer.

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Infrastructure development

Infrastructure development is at the heart of Mysuru Road's transformation. There are numerous road widening projects and flyover constructions aimed at decongesting traffic and improving connectivity.

"This blend of urban convenience and natural beauty on Mysuru Road makes it an appealing choice for homebuyers looking for a tranquil yet connected lifestyle," said Gowda.

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Kanakapura Road: Bengaluru's preferred property destination

Kanakapura Road, once a quiet stretch connecting Bengaluru to Kanakapura town, has transformed into one of the most sought-after residential and commercial real estate destinations in the city. The road's appeal lies in its balanced mix of urban conveniences and green, tranquil surroundings, making it an ideal place to live and invest.

"One of the biggest advantages of Kanakapura Road is its excellent connectivity to key parts of Bengaluru. The road connects to major hubs like Jayanagar, JP Nagar, Banashankari, and Bannerghatta Road, making it an attractive destination for professionals working in the city's southern and southeastern zones. The development of the Bengaluru Metro's Green Line has been a game-changer for this area," said Sreekrupa, a property developer.

Kanakapura Road offers a variety of residential options, catering to different segments of buyers. While the region is home to luxury villas, gated communities, and high-end apartments, it also offers affordable housing projects, making it an attractive destination for both first-time homebuyers and those looking to upgrade their living conditions.

Metro Green line is a game-changer for this area (File photo)

Real estate developers have been quick to recognise the potential of Kanakapura Road, launching projects that combine modern amenities with serene surroundings. As Bengaluru's urban sprawl continues to grow, Kanakapura Road remains one of the few regions offering this mix of affordability and luxury, making it a preferred destination for families, professionals, and investors alike.

Madhusudan Gowda, a property developer said, "The ongoing and planned infrastructure developments in and around Kanakapura Road are key factors contributing to its rising prominence. Another major development boosting the area's real estate appeal is the Peripheral Ring Road (PRR), which is expected to further improve connectivity to important parts of Bengaluru." Additionally, the upcoming Harohalli and Kanakapura bypasses will help decongest traffic, making commuting even more seamless for residents of this area. Gowda added, "The region is also witnessing an increase in commercial developments."

Farmlands investment: Affordable prices and government incentives

Another factor driving the trend of farmland investments is the relatively affordable prices of agricultural lands on the outskirts of Bengaluru and other parts of Karnataka. Compared to skyrocketing urban real estate prices, farmland offers a more affordable investment option. Areas like Kanakapura, Tumkur, and Chikkaballapur have become popular destinations for purchasing agricultural land due to their proximity to the city and fertile soil. In addition, the Karnataka government has introduced various incentives to encourage agricultural investments, including relaxed land conversion norms and subsidies for organic farming. These incentives have made it easier for Bengalureans to invest in farmland and engage in agricultural activities.

The introduction of agricultural cooperatives and weekend farming communities has also played a role in this trend. Managed farming services are often offered, making it easier for Bengalureans to maintain their agricultural ventures even if they are unable to visit their land regularly.

Chetan D, a techie said, "For many, investing in agricultural lands and sandalwood farms is about more than just financial returns; it's a lifestyle choice. Bengalureans, who are aware of the environmental and health benefits of sustainable living, are drawn to organic farming and agroforestry practices. They see this investment as a way to contribute to environmental conservation.

North B'luru is thriving real estate destination

North Bengaluru has emerged as one of the most dynamic and rapidly developing regions in the city's real estate market. In recent years, it has witnessed significant growth due to strategic infrastructural developments, excellent connectivity, proximity to key employment hubs, and the availability of vast land parcels for development. This combination has made North Bengaluru a preferred destination for homebuyers, investors, and developers alike.

Proximity to airport

"One of the biggest drivers of property growth in North Bengaluru is its proximity to Kempegowda International Airport (KIAL). Located near Devanahalli, the airport has spurred immense infrastructural development in the surrounding areas. With the airport expansion and the development of an aerotropolis, which includes an airport city with commercial and residential projects, the entire region is poised for even more significant growth. Areas like Devanahalli, Hebbal, and Yelahanka have seen substantial development of office spaces, logistics parks, and warehouses, driving demand for both residential and commercial properties," said Bharat Purohit, a property developer.

Improved connectivity and infrastructure development

Connectivity has played a crucial role in the rapid growth of North Bengaluru's real estate sector. The area is well-connected to the city via major arterial roads like Bellary Road (NH 44) and Outer Ring Road. The extension of the Namma Metro Phase 2 to the airport, expected to be operational soon, will further boost connectivity, making commuting more convenient for residents and professionals alike. In addition to the metro, the upcoming Peripheral Ring Road (PRR) is expected to link North Bengaluru with the eastern and western parts of the city, reducing travel time and traffic congestion. The planned Satellite Town Ring Road (STRR) is another major infrastructure project that will connect North Bengaluru to key towns like Doddaballapur and Hoskote, enhancing access to the city's outskirts. These ongoing and upcoming infrastructure projects are expected to push property prices higher as North Bengaluru becomes even more accessible, attracting more real estate development.

Commercial and IT hubs

"North Bengaluru is fast evolving into a major commercial and IT hub, with several tech parks and business districts coming up in the area. The presence of Manyata Tech Park, one of the largest IT parks in the city, has already established Hebbal and Nagawara as thriving employment hubs. This has led to a growing demand for residential properties in the vicinity as professionals working in these tech parks seek housing options close to their workplaces. In addition, new IT and business parks are being developed in and around Devanahalli, including the upcoming Devanahalli Business Park and IT Special Economic Zones (SEZs). Moreover, North Bengaluru offers a wide range of residential options, from affordable apartments to luxury villas and gated communities. Reputed developers have launched several residential projects in the region, catering to different segments of buyers. Areas like Yelahanka, Jakkur, and Devanahalli are home to high-end villas and gated communities that provide world-class amenities such as clubhouses, swimming pools, parks, and security. These integrated townships provide residents with modern amenities and conveniences while being away from the hustle and bustle of the city center," Purohit added.

Property developers said that the relatively affordable property prices in North Bengaluru have also attracted a growing number of first-time homebuyers and investors looking for properties with high appreciation potential. Renowned schools like Delhi Public School, Ryan International School, and Canadian International School are located in the region, providing high-quality education options for residents. "North Bengaluru is witnessing robust property growth, driven by its proximity to the international airport, enhanced connectivity, and the emergence of commercial and IT hub," said a property developer.

Industrial & logistics market: Leasing activity is high

Coldwell Banker Richard Ellis (CBRE) recently released its report, India Market Monitor Q3 2024 – Industrial & Logistics, highlighting that the leasing activity in India's Industrial & Logistics (I&L) sector rose by 48% quarter-on-quarter in the July-September period of 2024. Across the top eight cities (Delhi-NCR, Bengaluru, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Chennai, Pune, Kolkata, and Ahmedabad), total absorption reached 11.4 million sq. ft., up from 7.7 million sq. ft. in the previous quarter. Delhi-NCR, Kolkata, and Hyderabad together represented 65% of leasing activity during this period, with the total supply standing at 9.6 million sq. ft.

In Bengaluru, leasing activity reached 1.5 million sq. ft. in Q3 2024, contributing significantly to the national total. Across India, third-party logistics (3PL) companies dominated the sector, accounting for 38% of leasing activity, followed by engineering and manufacturing at 19%, retail at 17%, e-commerce at 10%, and fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) at 6%. Domestic corporations led in leasing activities with an 82% share, a rise from 67% in Q3 2023, followed by APAC corporations at 9% and EMEA corporations at 6%. The quarter also saw a slight moderation in warehouse completions.

Notably, the report shows that between January and September 2024, the cumulative I&L absorption across the top eight cities reached 27.5 million sq. ft., with Delhi-NCR, Kolkata, and Bengaluru collectively accounting for 61% of leasing activity, totaling 16.9 million sq. ft. Chennai, Bengaluru, and Delhi-NCR collectively housed 50% of new supply, establishing their positions as primary hubs in the I&L sector.

Looking ahead, cities such as Chandigarh, Hosur, Jaipur, Lucknow, and Vizag are expected to become key areas for warehousing expansion as companies expand their distribution networks in Tier-II and Tier-III cities, aiming to reach larger populations and optimise operational costs.

Anshuman Magazine, chairman & CEO for India, Southeast Asia, Middle East & Africa at CBRE, noted that leasing in the I&L sector saw quarterly growth in Q3 2024. Although supply moderated, it is expected to pick up with the launch of several high-profile projects backed by institutional investors. Ram Chandnani, Managing Director, Advisory & Transaction Services, India, added that 3PL firms are likely to continue dominating the logistics space, as companies increasingly outsource storage and delivery to reduce lead times and optimise costs. Developers are also anticipated to prioritise sustainable facilities, as occupiers are committed to reducing their carbon footprint and meeting ESG objectives by expanding their networks across Tier-II and III cities.

How the housing market looks like in Q3 this year

In Q3 2024, Bengaluru contributed 17% of new housing launches among the top seven cities in India. New supply showed a slight 1% decline compared to the previous quarter, though it marked a 7% increase year-on-year. East Bengaluru led in new launches, accounting for 35% of the supply, though this area experienced a 45% drop quarter-on-quarter. North and South Bengaluru contributed 30% and 29% of the supply, respectively, while West Bengaluru also saw a rise in new launches. Supply leaned heavily towards high-end properties, which saw a 10% growth quarter-on-quarter.

In terms of sales, Q3 2024 saw a notable decline, with approximately 15,000 units sold, marking an 8% drop both quarter-on-quarter and year-on-year. East Bengaluru made up 48% of total sales but experienced an 18% drop quarter-on-quarter. North Bengaluru held a 26% share of sales, with a 6% contraction from the previous quarter. Meanwhile, South Bengaluru recorded a 13% increase in sales quarter-on-quarter, and West Bengaluru saw a significant 33% rise.

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HUNT FOR DELICIOUS MEAL

An Indian Flying Fox, also known as the Great Indian Fruit Bat, (one of the largest species of bats in the world) can be seen jumping from branch to branch to drink the nectar from the tree's flowers

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KG Layout's plight: No road, no water, no power

Many who have built houses here wonder why BDA cannot assure them even of basic amenities

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Those who constructed their dream houses in Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout are repenting their decision to spend their hard-earned money for that. The reason is the lack of basic amenities and the delay in completing the ongoing developmental works in the area. "There was no electricity for five days due to an electrical cable problem. The BDA (Bengaluru Development Authority) is yet to facilitate the supply of Cauvery water. We cannot use a water pump to draw water from the borewell. How to stay here without water for five days?" asks Madhusudhan Raju, who constructed his house a year ago.

Raju said that he expected the BDA engineers to complete the ongoing developmental works without much delay, but many of the developmental works remain incomplete. "I have no answer to my daughters' queries on the condition of the infrastructure in the layout. I have to stop my vehicle one kilometre away from the main road while dropping my daughters on the main road. Most of the roads are slushy," Raju said.

Expressing a similar opinion, Satish Kumar, who constructed his house at Block 1 of Sector 1, has said that he shifted his family to the newly constructed house recently. "The BDA engineers gave the sanitary connection temporarily. I am not sure how long it will take to have a permanent solution. I am planning to dig a soak pit. The drains are clogged, resulting in water logging. The roadway drains are filled with mud. I want the BDA engineers to take measures to clean these drains to avoid water logging," said Kumar.

Mahadevappa Banni, who commenced the construction of his dream house six months ago at Block 4, is hopeful that BDA engineers will complete all the pending works within three months. "We met BDA Chairman NA Haris a few days ago at Sulikere. He directed the BDA engineers to complete the ongoing developmental works without any delay. The contractors have already commenced the developmental works," said Banni.

Coming down heavily on the BDA engineers for the delay in completing the developmental works, Ashok M, Secretary of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout Open Forum, has said the BDA has collected fees for sanctioning building plans. "A few site allottees commenced the construction of their houses a year ago, but the BDA engineers are yet to facilitate water supply, electricity, and underground drainage facilities. No road is in good condition in the layout. One has to struggle to even walk on these roads. Is it not their responsibility?" asks Ashok.

Lack of roads have reduced areas to slush in KG Layout

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One of the most mysterious books in the world is the Voynich manuscript, a medieval book containing odd symbols and images. For generations, scholars have attempted but failed to interpret its language and substance. The manuscript is composed in an unidentified script that is frequently called "Voynichese." It has not been deciphered by any known language or cipher. In addition, the book is replete with odd and lovely images that show bathing people, celestial symbols, vegetation, and other mysterious scenes. The text was produced between 1404 and 1438, according to carbon dating. The history of the text is intriguing; it has been owned by the Jesuits and the Holy Roman Emperor Rudolf II, among others. The Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library at Yale University has held the Voynich manuscript since 1969. Its pages hold its secrets, which are just waiting to be revealed.

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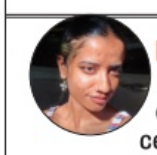
What are some unique traditions or festivals celebrated in Bengaluru?

Priyantika, BM Reader
From what I have witnessed I think Bengalureans are very enthusiastic about celebrating Ganesh Chaturthi, Vijayadashmi, Karaga, and Ugadi. These native festivals bring out the culture of Bengaluru.

Surbhi, BM Reader
I feel like Bengalureans celebrate every festival with enthusiasm because of the diversity in culture they have. Recently we celebrated Ganesh Chaturthi and now Durga Puja is on the way.

Suhani, BM Reader
There are many diverse cultures here. Events like Kannada Rajyotsava, Sunday soul sante, hundreds of exhibitions, queer film festivals, and book launch events at Blossoms are some of my favourite events from the city.

Esita, BM Reader
I have not celebrated many festivals here but Holi is a constant one that I celebrate with my friends. Other than that almost all festivals are celebrated here due to a diverse crowd.



Riya, BM Reader
Since Bengaluru is such a mixed cultural city there are no major celebrations but every festival is celebrated with enthusiasm. There are many festivals also consisting of fairs and exhibitions, which are very engaging.

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Thief uses ruler trick to reach valuables in cars

Man makes off with gold, cash left in car outside hospital, arrested

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A real estate agent turned car thief and his tool to break into cars was -- a simple metal ruler. He used this to steal valuables, including gold jewellery and cash, from cars. In his latest heist, the accused, Syed Wasif, made off with 144 gm gold ornaments and ₹2 lakh in cash, all together valued at ₹13.75 lakh, from a parked car near TreeLife Hospital in Banaswadi. But this theft proved to be his undoing and led the Banaswadi police to him.

Sometimes cars can get locked by accident, often due to a damaged door handle or if the keys are forgotten inside. In such a case, metal rulers can be used to open them. It was this trick

that Wasif used.

The incident that led to Wasif's arrest occurred on September 19. The complainant, a resident of Coconut Brute Layout, had parked her car on a narrow road near the hospital while accompanying her husband for treatment. Inside the car, was a bag containing 144 grams of gold ornaments and ₹2 lakh in cash. By the time she realised the valuables were left behind and rushed back to the car, she found that someone had broken in and stolen them.

A theft case was immediately registered at Banaswadi Police Station, and the police launched an investigation. After following leads and gathering information from informants, the police detained Syed Wasif on September 29 near a tea stall on Ejipura Main Road. During interrogation, he confessed to the theft and demonstrated how he used the metal ruler to open car doors. The method the accused used to break into the car door is surprisingly simple: he merely inserts a metal ruler into the gap between the window and the windshield rubber. It is said he had turned a thief to aid treatment for his ailing mother.

Wasif revealed that the stolen gold and cash were stored in a car parked in Ejipura. On October 2, police recovered the 144 grams of gold, ₹2 lakh in cash, and the car used in the crime. The total value of the seized items is ₹13.75 lakh. He was produced in court on September 30 and remanded to judicial custody in October.

1 case unravels citywide bike theft ops

Kumaraswamy Layout Police have cracked open a wide-reaching vehicle theft racket, leading to the recovery of 17 stolen bikes valued at ₹8 lakh. What started as the search for a single missing two-wheeler near a Royal Enfield showroom spiraled into a full-fledged operation that exposed a network of thieves operating across the city.

The investigation kicked off when a resident of Yelachenahalli filed a complaint on October 15 after discovering his two-wheeler stolen from where it was parked near the showroom. Acting on a tip from informants, the police apprehended two suspects on October 20 near the Faizabad Abubakar Mosque. The duo was found in possession of the stolen bike, but as they buckled under police interrogation, the scope of their operation became clear. They had been quietly pilfering two-wheelers across the city for months.

Further questioning led to the discovery of two more stolen vehicles near the suspects' residence on October 21. As investigators continued to squeeze information from the suspects, they hit a jackpot on October 22, when four more bikes were unearthed near Devarakere Park. On October 23, a stunning cache of ten more two-wheelers was found abandoned near the Jaraganahalli Lorry Stand.

By the time the dust settled, 17 stolen two-wheelers had been recovered. The arrest of the suspects has now helped police solve multiple pending theft cases across Bengaluru, spanning from Kumaraswamy Layout to Jayanagar, Chamarajpet, and even as far as Mysuru and Tumakuru.

Similarly, The Madiwala Police Station recently arrested an individual involved in the theft of multiple two-wheelers across Bengaluru. The arrest followed a complaint lodged by a resident of NS Palya, reporting the theft of their two-wheeler on September 19. At the end of this probe, in total, 14 two-wheelers, valued at ₹10 lakh, were recovered.

Activists urge police to stop harassing Palestine supporters

Alleging harassment of organisers of events in solidarity with Palestine at the hands of city police, members of Bengaluru for Justice and Peace met the Commissioner of Police at his office on Thursday afternoon. They informed him that even the venue owners are being called up and threatened to cancel events related to Palestine.

They submitted a letter addressed to the Commissioner and the Karnataka Home Minister with 194 signatures of people, most of whom are from the city and other districts of Karnataka. The letter enlists 12 incidents in the last one year in which police officials have harassed and intimidated activists, students, artists and citizens.

The latest such instance took place as recently as Wednesday, when Collective Bangalore, a students' organisation, uploaded a poster on social media about a film screening and discussion on Palestine. In the poster they had not even mentioned the venue, and yet the police called the students up, and harassed them, demanding them to share addresses or come to the police station.

The letter also stated that even when all protocols to organise a protest were complied with on October 5, Bengaluru for Justice and Peace were told by the Deputy Commissioner of Police and other officials that anyone who shows the

Letter says police intimidating activists, asking venue owners to cancel events

Palestinian flag will be arrested. The letter highlights the fact that there are many such unwritten rules being cited by police officials, especially when there is any activity pertaining to Palestine, whether indoor or in public spaces, whether advertised on social media or not. "Another 'rule' that the police have begun to impose, is that we must take permission before organising events even indoors.

Throughout the last one year of bombarding and destruction in Gaza led by the Israeli government, concerned citizens across the world have raised their voices in solidarity with Palestinians. In accordance with the official Indian position on Palestine, declared in the Lok Sabha as recently as February 2024, we too have tried to undertake initiatives to educate and spread awareness about the historical, social and political context of the violence. However, Bangalore police have repeatedly suppressed such efforts," the group said in a statement.

The Commissioner said he would examine the incidents detailed in the lette, to verify them. When asked whether there are any instructions to specifically restrict events related to Palestine, he said he is not aware of any. But, police inspectors who have called up venues said that they have been issued strict instructions from higher authorities that such events can only take place with permission. —BMB

Quick police work averts suicide

A quick response by Rajanukunte police saved the life of a young man attempting suicide on a railway track near Suradhenpura. The man, aged between 25 and 27 years, reportedly tried to kill himself following a minor quarrel with his wife.

On Thursday night the man called his sister expressing his distress and indicating that he was going to take his own life. Alarmed, the sister immediately dialled the emergency helpline number 112 at around 10.30 pm, providing police with details about her brother's intentions and location.

Officers quickly reached the spot, where the man was last known to be. "The location provided to us was the railway track near Suradhenpura. Since there was no accessible road for a vehicle, we had to run as the call indicated he was about to kill himself," said the police official. When the man spotted the officers, he attempted to flee further along the tracks, but the police managed to get hold of him. With the immediate danger averted, officers brought him back to the police station.

The police then contacted his family, bringing his parents and sister to the station. They engaged with the man and his family, working to address his concerns and resolve the underlying issues that had led to his desperate decision.

(If one has suicidal tendencies, help is available. Please reach out to the Sahayavani helpline number 104). —BMB

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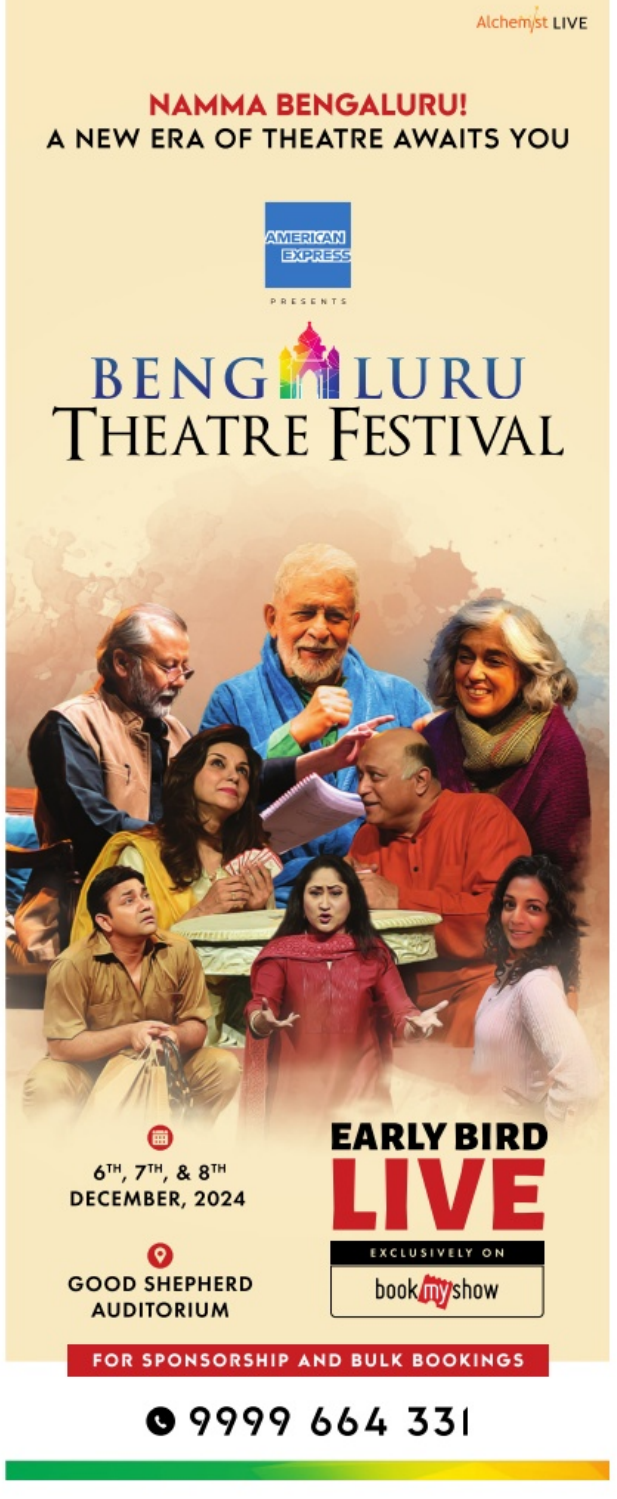

K'taka court convicts 98 persons with life term in atrocity case

In a historical judgment, a Karnataka court has convicted 98 persons to life imprisonment in an atrocity case reported in the Koppal district of the state.

Judge C Chandrashekar passed the judgment in the case. It is the first case in the history of the state that such a large number of accused have been convicted of life imprisonment in an atrocity case, according to sources.

The incident had taken place in Marakumbi village in Gangavathi taluk. The Gangavathi police had investigated the case and submitted the charge sheet.

A total of 101 persons were produced before the court and among them, three accused persons belonging to the SC and ST community were awarded five years of rigorous imprisonment with a Rs 5,000 fine, and the rest belonging to the upper caste were awarded with life imprisonment.

The incident took place on August 28, 2014. The accused were charged with demolishing the houses of Dalits and attacking them in the village for a trivial matter.

The Gangavathi police had registered an FIR against 117 persons. Enraged by the proactiveness of a few Dalit youths who questioned untouchability in the village, the accused had barged into the Dalit's colony and torched their huts.

The accused had also destroyed the houses and attacked Dalits. The judge had reserved the order for Thursday as the charges were established against the accused in the charge sheet and before the court.The police had taken 101 persons into custody while the remaining 16 persons had died. The family members of all the accused had gathered in the premises of the Koppal court and were seen in tears as the police had taken them to the prison.

The accused will be taken to the Koppal district prison and later they will be shifted to the Ballary prison. **IANS**

Users want helpline to go back to 24/7 services

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"An emergency helpline is supposed to be reliable, but it failed today when animals needed urgent care," D'Souza said, stressing on the need to restore uninterrupted service.

Goputra Sudarshan, a volunteer with the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) from Shivamogga and a frequent user of the helpline told BM they too found 1962 unresponsive since morning. "At first, I thought it was an issue with my phone. But friends who also needed emergency assistance confirmed the outage," he said.

While he has some veterinary training, Sudarshan expressed concern for farmers who rely heavily on this helpline, especially during off-hours when veterinary hospitals are closed.

"The real problem arises at night, when there's no one else to turn to for animal emergencies," he added. Sudarshan said the government must also reinstate the 24/7 service that was available until January this year to ensure round-the-clock support for Karnataka's rural animal owners.

Halagappa KV, the in-charge of the 1962 emergency helpline, explained that a technical issue with BSNL's voice and network services after heavy rain caused the disruption. "BSNL officials have conducted inspections, and the issue should be resolved shortly," he assured BM. He added that in the meantime, those facing emergencies can still reach doctors connected through the 1962 helpline, with doctors making personal visits in urgent cases to ensure timely assistance.

Sunil Dugar, General Secretary of the Akhil Karnataka Prani Daya Sangha, expressed concerns over the limited response to the animal emergency helpline number recently. "Many animals are injured in accidents every day, and if the emergency helpline isn't functional, where can people turn to?" he said. He pointed out that there is no initiative to redirect calls when the helpline is unavailable.

Although ambulances for animal rescue were inaugurated by the government, with over 275 put in service but since January, when the helpline was only made operational from 9 am to 5 pm, the ambulances have been parked idling away and not to be seen.

Many users of the emergency helpline have raised concerns about the service's unreliable performance recently, which affects numerous animals across the state that depend on it.

They are appealing for calls to be redirected to another number until the issue is resolved and for the service to resume 24/7 operations. Many complain that the lines are often busy, or calls are unanswered, making emergencies, especially at night, even more difficult to handle.

Traffic cop clings to car bonnet, dragged by driver refusing to stop

A traffic police official on duty was dragged for several metres on the bonnet of a car, when he tried to stop it for routine check and verification, police said.

The incident happened near Sahyadri College in Shivamogga district headquarters town on Thursday, the video of which is now getting widely circulated on social media platforms.

In the footage, the cop can be seen clinging to the bonnet of the vehicle.

With a traffic policeman trying to stop the car, the driver is seen initially slowing down, but suddenly accelerating forcing the policeman who was in front of it to jump onto the bonnet. The car driver then drags the policeman who was clinging to the bonnet for several metres, before stopping and then fleeing away, police said.

Police said they have registered a case and the driver has been identified as Mithun Jagadale, a cable operator, and he has been arrested. **PTI**

Possession notice issued to builder creates confusion

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among the prospective allottees of the EWS quarters. Sammaan Capital Ltd has issued a possession notice stating that the borrowers failed to repay the loan of Rs 560,46,88,497.

"The borrower(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property.

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Though the possession notice did not mention anything about the fate of residential quarters for economically weaker sections, the applicants and those who were evicted from the premises in 2012 are worried about their future due to the latest tussle between the builder and the financial institution.

It may be recalled that the land measuring more than 15 acres belongs to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) which entered into a contract with Garuda Maverick Infrastructure Projects Pvt Ltd and others for the construction of residential quarters and commercial complex on the site.

With the borrowers failing to repay the loan, the financial institution has announced symbolic possession of the immovable properties at the land.

Expressing concern over the delay in work on the quarters, Isaac, a social activist, said the construction of the residential quarters has been delayed for more than a decade. "Not a single residential quarter has been handed over to the allottees so far,'' said Isaac.

Prabhakar Rajendran, a social activist from Ejipura, said the construction of the residential quarters has been delayed on one or the other pretext.

"We have been demanding the authorities concerned expedite the construction of the residential quarters but in vain,'' said Rajendran.

When informed about the possession notice, Uday B Garudachar, MLA, Chickpet, said the case is pending in the court.

Meanwhile, BBMP Special Commissioner (Estates and Revenue) Munish Moudgil said that he would check the records and ask the Zonal Commissioner to take action suitably.

Forest dept reclaims 5 acres of land in Peenya plantation

Marked placard on the reclaimed land in Peenya plantation

The forest department on Thursday reclaimed five acres of forest land from the public sector Hindustan Machine Tools (HMT) in Peenya plantation. The department officials of the Bengaluru Urban Zone have now marked the land with a placard.

Notably, a couple of months ago, Karnataka Forest, Ecology and Environment Minister Eshwar Khandre directed the forest department to recover 599 acres of forest land at Peenya and Jalahalli in Bengaluru. A note issued by the Minister's office underlined that the land was notified in 1896, but a large part of the land was illegally transferred to various individuals, organisations, and government bodies by HMT over the years. He had also directed the forest officials to withdraw the interlocutory application (IA) filed illegally seeking permission for denotification that the said land had lost its forest character.

Meanwhile, HMT is reported to have sold more than 165 acres of forest land in its possession to various private and government agencies for just Rs 300 crore. Moreover, a mega park on the lines of Lalbagh has been proposed in Peenya plantation.

–BMB

PIL seeking 'separate flag' for state rejected

The Karnataka High Court has rejected a public interest litigation (PIL) that sought a separate flag for the state. The division bench, comprising Chief Justice NV Anjaria and Justice KV Aravind, dismissed the petition, stating that such grievances do not fall within the court's jurisdiction, particularly in the realm of public interest jurisdiction.

The bench deemed the petition as misconceived and clarified that "the petition is not, however, precluded from pursuing his representations stated to have been pending." When the petitioner raised concerns that the state government might not act on his representation and requested a specific time limit for a decision, the court orally remarked, "You have flagged your flag, and we have flagged our order."

Advocate Umapathi S, representing the petitioner, argued that an expert committee, including eminent writers, had been formed based on his representation, which insisted on a separate flag for the state. He further contended that the Constitution of India does not prohibit states from having their own flags. The advocate also relied on the opinion of the Advocate General, which led to the formation of the expert committee.

The petitioner claimed that there is a widespread demand for a state flag across Karnataka, and an unofficial flag is being hoisted throughout the state, causing confusion among the citizens. He emphasised that it is a sensitive issue that could affect the sentiments of the people of Karnataka. The plea sought directions from the court to the state government to present the committee's recommendations for consideration and to pass appropriate orders in accordance with the law.

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FORM No. STK –6

PUBLIC NOTICE

[Pursuant to sub-section (2) and sub-section (4) of section 248 of the Companies Act, 2013 and rule 7 of the Companies (Removal of Names of Companies from the Register of Companies) Rules, 2016]

Public Notice: ROC/C-PACE/STK-2/248(2)/2024-25/916 Date: -10/09/2024

Reference:

(1) In the matter of striking off or removal of names of (**30**) companies in the state of ***KARNATAKA*** under section 248 of the Companies Act, 2013 in respect of:

S. NO	Work Item	CIN	Company Name
1	AA10052029	U62090KA2024PTC183128	FLOC DESIGN TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED
2	AA9827154	U74909KA2023PTC172538	EARTHA & LLOYDS RESOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED
3	AA9916421	U72900KA2022PTC165170	EPILOX TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED
4	AA9865894	U15339KA2022PTC162300	KARBURANT FOODS PRIVATE LIMITED
5	AA9833283	U74140KA2009PTC050345	KNOWLEDGEWORKS CONSULTING PRIVATE LIMITED
6	AA10034427	U70109KA2021PTC146204	NEON MANGO HOLDINGS PRIVATE LIMITED
7	AA9767070	U18101KA2001PTC029749	GAYLORD MACHINERY PRIVATE LIMITED
8	AA9916759	U72900KA2021PTC148070	MAD DONKEY ESPORTS PRIVATE LIMITED
9	AB0060806	U51909KA2020PTC138016	GRANVINO PRIVATE LIMITED
10	AA9720991	U15490KA2020PTC132681	KATAKARO INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED
11	AA10015188	U41000KA2020PTC132972	CLOUD RIVER TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED
12	AB0043914	U74999KA2020PTC133265	DHAVALAGI ENTERTAINERS PRIVATE LIMITED
13	AA9677516	U72900KA2019PTC125876	STEYIN INNOVATIONS PRIVATE LIMITED
14	AA9784530	U15490KA2019PTC126333	NEAR BAKE SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED
15	AA9506663	U74999KA2019PTC124573	TRANSAFFAIRS SUPPLY CHAIN SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED
16	AA9989001	U14210KA2018PTC111579	SHANMUKHA GRANITE EXPO PRIVATE LIMITED
17	AA9766024	U55209KA2018PTC110219	JASSBYS DAKSHIN HOTELS PRIVATE LIMITED
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19	AA9775447	U72200KA2017PTC107071	VICILOCUZ SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED
20	AA9808706	U74999KA2016PTC094353	STORYHOUSE PRODUCTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED
21	AA9970495	U74900KA2014FTC073226	TIGER EXECUTIVE SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED
22	AA9703704	U74900KA2015OPC084421	WI CONTENT SOLUTIONS (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED
23	AA9786509	U74900KA2014PTC077272	JASSBYS PUBS PRIVATE LIMITED
24	AA9834049	U80904KA2008PTC047148	MANAS CENTRE FOR TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT PRIVATE LIMITED
25	AB0146838	U51909KA2019PTC126856	VENUGRAM FIT AGRO PRIVATE LIMITED
26	AB0041342	U62099KA2023OPC182512	BLINKLOGIC SOLUTIONS (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED
27	AB0045481	U47912KA2023PTC177596	MANZOKU INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED
28	AA10034000	U21001KA2023PTC177073	ALLEVIATIVE HEALTH SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED
29	AA10011175	U51909KA2022PTC158410	MADILU EXIM INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED
30	AA10033209	U74999KA2021FTC145740	JST CONSULTANCY SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED

(2). Notice is hereby given that the Registrar of Companies had received applications from the above-mentioned companies under section 248(2) of the Companies Act, 2013 for removal of its/their name (s) from the register of companies either on the ground that they have failed to commence business within one year of their incorporation or on the ground that the company(ies) is/are not carrying on any business or operation for a period of two immediately preceding financial years and has/have not made any application (s) within such period for obtaining the status of a dormant company under section 455 of the Companies Act, 2013 or the company(ies) have obtained the status of dormant company/subscribers to the memorandum have not paid the subscription which they had undertaken to pay at the time of incorporation of a company and a declaration to this effect has not been filed within one hundred and eighty days of its incorporation under subsection (1) of section 10A/ have not been carrying on any business or operations, as revealed after the physical verification carried out under sub-section (9) of section 12, but it/they do not wish to continue its/their registration as companies and have, therefore, requested for removal/strike off of its/their names from the register of companies.

(3) Accordingly, the Registrar of Companies proposes to remove or strike off the names of the above-mentioned companies from the Register of Companies.

(4) Any person objecting to the proposed removal or striking off name of the companies from the register of companies may send his or her objection to the office address mentioned here above within thirty days from the date of publication of this notice.

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I, Atul Balwant Joshi R/o Villa No 199, Jrc Palladio, Billapura Cross, Sarjapura-562125 have changed my minor daughter's name from Shravya Atul Joshi to Shravya Joshi for all purposes.

I, Reagon S/o Benedict Panchanathan R/o #215 Belavatha Village Mysuru Taluk Karnataka-570003 have changed my name to Reagon P S/o G Panchanathan for all purposes.

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I, Nallin Kumar R/o 9/C2, BDA Flats, Kalahally, Kensington road cross, Bengaluru 560042 have changed my name to Nallin Kumar Arumuga Balan Affidavit Dt.25/10/2024 notary Harisha G, B'luru

I, SUHAIL NISAR, R/a. No.18,2nd Cross, Bazar Street, Neelasandra, Bengaluru-47. I, have changed my name to, SUHAIL AHMED Vide affidavit dated 25/10/2024 Sworn before Notary Meer Hassan Bangalore

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I Savitha Vishwanath Bhikshavarthimath W/o Andanaswamy Siddalingayya Salimath, Residing At No 08, 6th Main, Near Ganesha Temple, Rukmini Nagar, Bengaluru 560073 have changed my name to Savitha Andanaswamy Salimath for all purposes.

I, TAANVI KAVERI AJJAMADA CHENGAPPA R/O 432 Ist B Cross Near B R Ambedkar Park 8th Block Koramangala Bengaluru 560095 have changed my name to VIANA CHENGAPPA vide Affidavit dt. 21.10.2024 sworn before notary Mr. C Srinivas Bengaluru.

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Disney has moved another blockbuster film in the Marvel Studios list around – and this time, 'Blade' is getting postponed for a long stretch

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Supernatural effect

Is Kiara ready to finalise deal for supernatural comedy?

Actress Kiara Advani who is gearing up for the release of upcoming films in 2025 starting with 'Game Changer', followed by 'War 2', has been spotted at Dinesh Vijan's office in Mumbai.

Now as per the latest report by Pinkvilla, Kiara Advani is discussing a standalone supernatural comedy featuring her in the titular role of 'Devi' with Maddock.

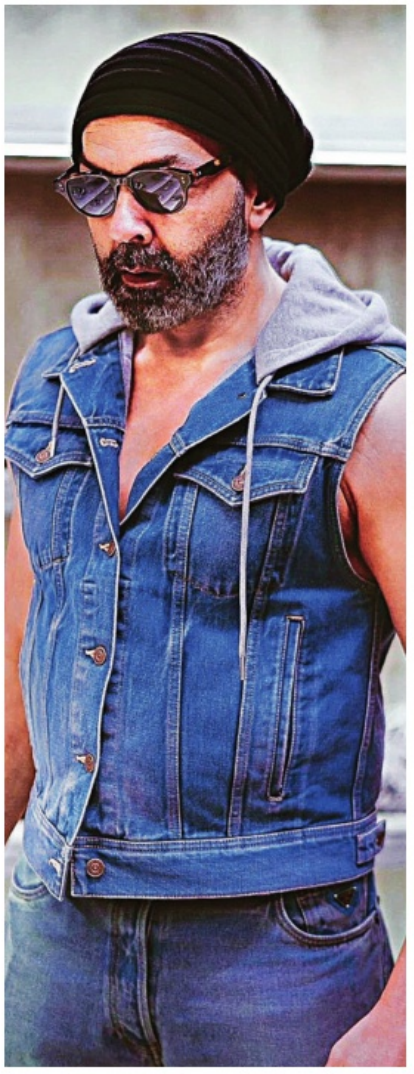
According to the report, Kiara is close to finalising a deal for a supernatural comedy titled Devi, produced by Maddock. While this horror-comedy will not be part of the 'Stree' Cinematic Universe, it is expected to kick off a new standalone franchise in the fantasy-comedy genre with supernatural elements. The report suggests that the tone of this franchise will differ from the existing one, and the makers are optimistic about its success.

The report further added that the film is scheduled to begin production by mid-2025 with a start-to-finish timeline, and Kiara is reportedly eager to dive into a new genre. It also revealed that Kiara is set to lead the project, with negotiations in their final stages, and an official announcement is expected soon.

Meanwhile, Kiara Advani has a lineup of major projects ahead. Among them is War 2, where she stars alongside Hrithik Roshan and Jr NTR, with Ayan Mukerji directing. Filming for the spy thriller is currently underway. Additionally, Kiara is set to appear in Don 3, sharing the screen with Ranveer Singh.

—ETimes

Living the dream



Bollywood actor Bobby Deol is experiencing a remarkable career resurgence, especially after the success of 'Animal' and his recent collaboration on the South Indian film 'Kanguva' alongside Tamil superstar Suriya. In an exclusive conversation with ETimes, Bobby shared his thoughts on his unexpected success and the journey that brought him to this pivotal moment in his career. Reflecting on his current state of mind, Bobby said, "I keep pinching myself so many times to see if this is really happening. But I always believe that hard work eventually turns into luck." For Bobby, the journey has been a blend of perseverance and self-belief. There were times he wondered if luck would ever be on his side, yet his dedication and resilience kept him focused. "When you have self belief, things start changing for you," he said.

During the pandemic, Bobby's career took an interesting turn, as OTT platforms gave him opportunities to reach audiences beyond conventional cinema. "OTT really benefited me," he explained. "I did some shows and movies that were liked by the audiences. But the reaction to 'Animal' was beyond anything I could have imagined. The magic of the silver screen is unmatched, and when you're recognized for your work there, it's every actor's dream."

—ETimes

Movie with a special message

MOOKA JEEVA
2.5 RATING ★★½☆☆
- **DIRECTOR** Srinath VasisthaS
- **ACTORS** Harsha Venkatesh, Apoorva Shri, Karthik Mahesh, Meghashree Gowda, Ramesh Pandit
- **CERTIFICATION** U
- **Duration** 156 minutes

Director Srinath Vasistha deserves a pat on the back for selecting a novel written by JM Prahalad for this movie that highlights the hassles that the deaf and mute face in villages. The movie conveys a message to society that deaf and mute do not need sympathy but opportunities to become self-reliant. Vasistha's earlier movies Manthana and Salila also conveyed a message on the adverse impact of drugs on youth and water crisis due to pollution of water bodies. Apart from handling the megaphone, he has also played a key role in the movie.

The movie is about Srikanta (Harsha Venkatesh), a deaf and mute person, and his mother Sakavva (Apoorva Shri), a widow who suffers from chronic cough. Srikanta is passionate about dogs and goats. Some people attempt to steal one of his goats. His mother complains to panchayat president (Ramesh Pandit) but that doesn't help. The director introduces a flashback showing how Kamli (Megashree Gowda), the sister of Srikanta, eloped with her lover. After his mother's death, Srikanta comes to Bengaluru to meet his sister. What happens to Srikanta is what Mooka Jeeva is all about.

As far as the performances of the actors are concerned, Harsha Venkatesh has acted well. He is convincing as a disabled person who is subjected to harassment and punishment for something he did not do. Apoorvashri is at her best as a concerned mother. Veteran character artiste Ramesh Pandit, Megashree Gowda and Mahesh Karthik give good support.

It is worth a watch for families.

—Y Maheswara Reddy

Love, lust and revenge

ELLIGE PAYANA YAVUDO DAARI
2.5 RATING ★★½☆☆
- **DIRECTOR** Kiran Surya
- **ACTORS** Abhimanyu Kashinath, Spoorthi Udimane, Raja Balawadi, Vijayashree Kalburgi, Shoban
- **CERTIFICATION** A
- **Duration** 134 minutes

Director Kiran Surya tries to deal with many issues that become hurdles for youngsters who want to lead a happy and peaceful life. Lofty mountains and greenery add value to the movie though its gory scenes are difficult to cope with. Kiran Surya succeeds in keeping the audiences curious by ensuring a crisp screenplay. Punchy and below-the-belt dialogues may entertain audiences, who like raunchy comedy.

The movie begins at a hospital. Police are on high alert to nab a psycho killer. Then we see Amar (Abhimanyu Kashinath), an artist, who is on a trip to Virajpet in his car. He stops his car at a shop on the way. Sampath (Shoban), a painter, requests Amar to allow him to travel in his car. Later, they meet Sere Mohana (Pradeep Kumar) on the way and allow him also to hitchhike. Finally, they see Neethu (Vijayashree Kalburgi) on the road and allow her also to accompany them.

Meanwhile, Bhopaiah (Bala Rajwadi), a retired police officer, lodges a police complaint about his missing daughter Neethu. Who is the pyscho killer and what happens to Amar is what the movie is all about.

Abhimanyu Kashinath has acted well and his style of delivering dialogues has shades of his father, the late Kashinath. Spoorthi Udimane, who plays a hapless elder sister who is compelled to arrange money to save her brother, is convincing. She looks innocent and beautiful. Vijayashree Kalburgi, as a pampered daughter, has acted well. Her dialogue delivery is appreciable. Raja Balawadi, Shoban, Ayank, Pradeep Kumar have provided good support. Songs are good.

It is worth a watch, but only for adults.

—Y Maheswara Reddy

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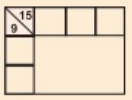
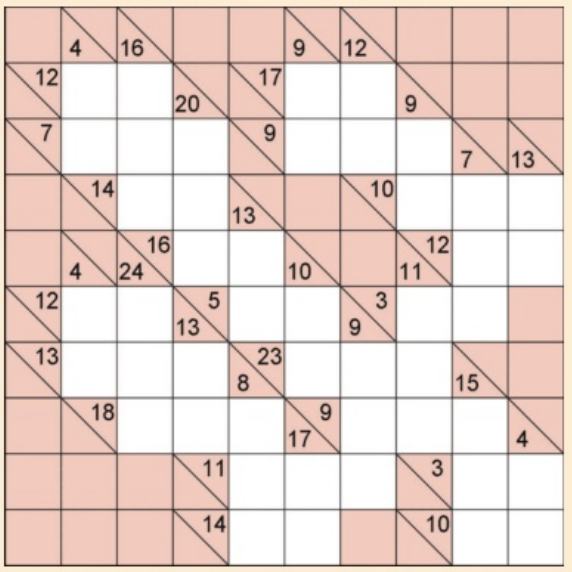
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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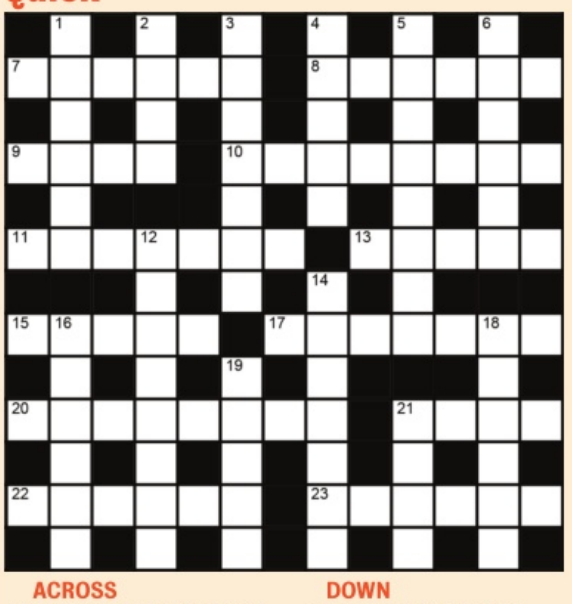


ACROSS

7 Former Egyptian president (6)
8 Slanting script (6)
9 Stockings (4)
10 Red Indian face decoration prior to attacking? (3-5)
11 Come ____ : intervene or step in? (7)
13 Large flat fish (5)
15 Profit, wealth (5)
17 Break up, separate forcibly (7)
20 Reckon or gauge or count (8)
21 Fury (4)
22 Musical interval (6)
23 Calls on? (6)

DOWN

1 Conditional release (6)
2 Understanding term? (1,3)
3 Coronated (7)
4 Impetuous; intensely (5)
5 Cricket great Sunil ___ (8)
6 Small seal (6)
12 Distinguished fighters (8)
14 Roman goddess of wisdom (7)
16 ____ Lake: Picnic spot north east of the city. (6)
18 Dirty animal shed (6)
19 Shaping machine (5)
21 A kind of trick (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: C EQUALS U

IPC HFYYPA ED VPYDVI BZ IPC VBSD AMD TDQUPY IPC'QD FVPYD LBAM.

Linemaro

Pinch me. Why? You are so fine, I must be dreaming

Mindchow

Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go

Joke of the day

Apparently, a prep school in Ascot is requiring every under-12 student to buy an iPad instead of using textbooks. That's nothing. In China, they're requiring every under-5 student to MAKE an iPad instead of using textbooks

Loop

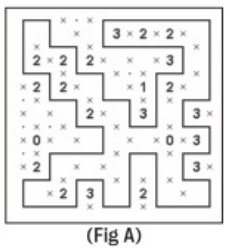
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

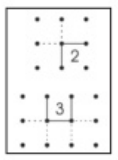
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

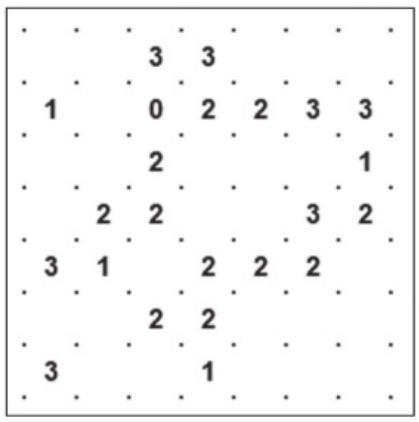
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



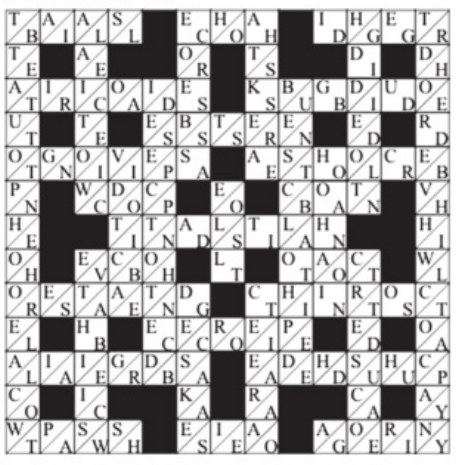
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2	3	4	5
6				
7				G
8				
9				

ACROSS

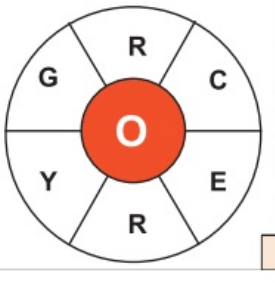
1 Tabus; 6 Ma IRA;
7 In yeg; 8 Con NE;
9 Ted us

DOWN

1 Me and; 2 A buoy;
3 Inure; 4 C tint;
5 Gases

Mensapuzzle

Decipher this rebus:



Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

08 Average; **09** Good; **11** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

	5		6	4	9		7	
		3				9		
9				5				8
7	4		1		3		2	5
3	2		8		7		4	9
4				7				6
		1				4		
	8		4	3	5		9	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 3

6 6 6 9

Medium = 18

1 1 3 6

Hard = 4

2 9 9 2

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

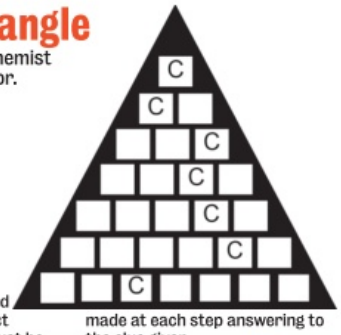
Differences: 1. Box is larger. 2. Collar is smaller. 3. Hat is larger. 4. Button is added. 5. Cake has more layers. 6. Woman's hair is different.

Riddler

Rearrange the letter groups to make the surnames of four English poets: RET, ING, ION, THO, ARN, TBR, MOT, MAS, OLD, BAR, OWN.

Alpha triangle

1 Carbon for the chemist
2 Common Era, abbr.
3 Nov. follower
4 Gaming cubes
5 Free from frost
6 Gadget
7 Mislead



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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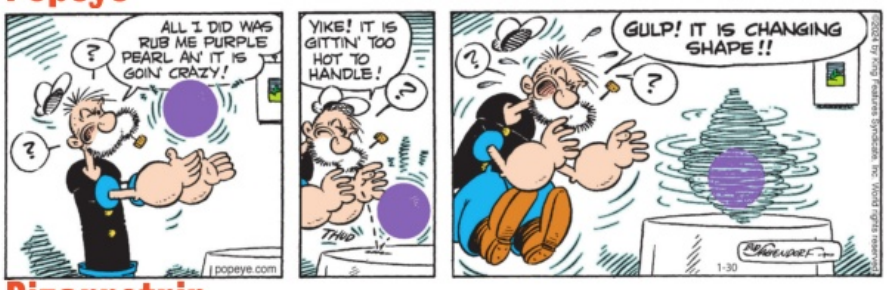
Popeye



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This may confirm rumors of a pharaoh who was a side-sleeper.
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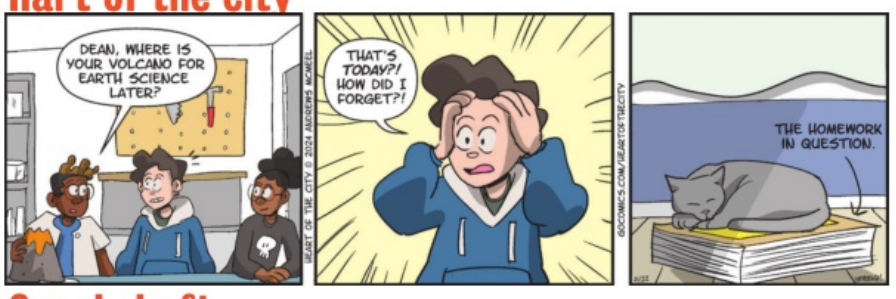
Diamond Lil

Hart of the city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THAT'S TODAY?! HOW DID I FORGET?!
THE HOMEWORK IN QUESTION.
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Crankshaft

ARE YOU FINISHED WITH THIS?
YEAH... I CAN'T EAT ANOTHER BITE!
I'M AFRAID MY FRIES WERE BIGGER THAN MY STOMACH!
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Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you are blessed by the moon; it brings you happiness. The challenges of the past few days are over, and your hard work is beginning to pay off now. With support from your subordinates, you can resume postponed projects. You may also expect gains in business; this may improve your finances.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you are more enthusiastic, and your performance at work will likely be impressive, strengthening your rapport with superiors. You might take on new responsibilities, leading to potential promotions. Legal matters may resolve in your favour, and your opponents will be under control.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, destiny is on your side, making success more attainable. You might visit a religious place to find peace. Intellectual or occult pursuits could attract your interest too. Students are likely to do well in their studies. Singles may find a suitable match, and lovebirds might make important marriage decisions.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may feel dull and face health issues. Old debts may cause added stress. Self-criticism and guilt over minor mistakes may bother you. You are advised to avoid adventure tours and reckless driving. You should also be mindful of stubbornness, as it might create problems in personal life.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you'll feel happy and at peace. Your focus on goals is sharp, and you'll enjoy romantic moments. This will strengthen your bond with your spouse. Domestic matters will also keep you busy. Overall, it's a good day for you.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you'll be occupied with work. You may successfully implement plans through your strong network. Your wisdom may help you profit from past investments. You'll also experience harmony in your domestic life and enjoy special moments with your spouse. Lovebirds will find joy in their time together.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, quick decision-making will bring benefits in your daily life. You may consider higher studies to boost your career. Your kids may also keep you occupied. Property disputes between siblings could be resolved, and work-related short trips may be on the horizon.

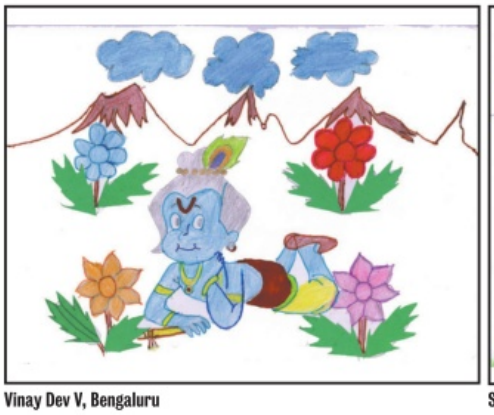
Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today might be challenging, as you may feel unhappy and dissatisfied. So it's important to be patient and avoid hasty decisions on every front. You are also advised to take care of your parents' well-being during this time.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you are blessed by the moon; it may turn recent disappointments into happiness. You'll find joy in both professional and personal life, with your network helping you to complete pending projects. You might also start a new venture with support from siblings and connections.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, control over blunt communication is advised, as loose talk could affect those around you. You should also be mindful of spending, as impulsive purchases might drain your finances. While your mind is active, make sure to approach important decisions with patience.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you'll find it easy to tackle difficult tasks, boosting your confidence. Past investments may bring in good returns. You are advised to avoid engaging in pointless arguments, as they can waste your time.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you might feel dull and encounter health problems. It's best to postpone business investments and avoid starting new ventures, as potential losses could be significant. You are also advised to be cautious, as gains might turn into losses.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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
(0! / 5# x 3)
= 1 / (30 x 3) = 1/90
(1/5) ÷ ((3!)^2) / 10)
= (1/5) ÷ (3^2) / 10
= (1/5) ÷ (9/10) = 10/45
= (1/5!!!) = (1/ 2!!! X 5)
= (1/ 2 X 5) = 1/10
(1/90)+(10/45)+(1/10)
= (1 x 1) / (90 x 1) +
(10 x 2) / (45 x 2) +
(1 x 9) / (10 x 9)
= (1+20+9) / 90
= 30 / 90 = 1/3

BULL'S EYE
core, corer, ergo, gore, gory, grocer, GROCERY, gyro, ogre, orgy, yore

FAST FIVE

A	B	U	T	S
M	A	R	I	A
E	Y	I	N	G
N	O	N	C	E
D	U	E	T	S

STRIKE OUT

W	A	S	H	S	E	A
O	C	K	R	C	A	
L	A	I	R	D	S	
L	H	E	E	R	I	E
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T	I	E	S	S	E	N
O	G	I	V	E	S	A
A	R	C	A	D	E	S
B	I	L	L	C	H	A

QUICK

P	I	C	F	G	S	
N	A	S	S	E	R	
R	E	O	E	V	G	
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B	E	T	W	E	E	N
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L	U	C	R	E	D	I
L	R	L	N	I		
E	S	T	I	M	A	T
O	O	T	R	U	S	
F	O	U	R	T	H	V
R	S	E	A	G	O	R

MENSA PUZZLE
Placed under arrest.

RIDDLER
Arnold, Barrett Browning, Thomas, Motion.

QUOTE UNCODE
You cannot be lonely if you like the person you're alone with.

SUDOKU

1	5	8	6	4	9	3
2	6	3	7	1	8	9
9	7	4	3	5	2	6
7	4	6	1	9	3	8
8	1	9	5	2	4	7
3	2	5	8	6	7	1
4	3	2	9	7	1	5
5	9	1	2	8	6	4
6	8	7	4	3	5	2

ALPHA TRIANGLE
C, CE, Dec, Dice, Deice, Device, Deceive.

GO FIGURE
Easy
6 – 6 – 6 + 9 = 3
Medium
3 x 6 + 1 – 1 = 18
Hard
2 + 2 x 9 / 9 = 4

LOOP

KAKURO

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